

**REMARKS**

The Examiner found the subject application in condition for allowance except for two formal matters and issued an Ex parte Quayle Action to give applicants an opportunity to correct such matters.

**Specification:**

In the specification, a rewritten paragraph [0001] is submitted to replace the current paragraph [0001] of the specification. The rewritten paragraph includes a recitation of US Patent No. 6,638,622 B2 to reflect the allowance of the subject patent application and the subsequent issuance of the corresponding US Patent.

Although the second formal matter was directed to the drawings (an objection under 37 CFR 183(a)), a response that fully addresses the matter can be achieved by amending paragraph [0040] of the specification. The penultimate sentence of paragraph [0040] has been amended to recite “Magnetic recording head rather than “Magnetic head.” The conjunction of a “magnetic recording disc” with a “magnetic recording head” is present at several places in the text of the specification, and thus the recitation of a “magnetic recording head” in the claims is fully supported in the subject application. Applicants contend that such amendment adds no new matter and is fully responsive to Examiner’s objection to the drawings.

**Reasons for Allowance:**


The Examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance is duly noted. Applicants have provided no comments on the Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants have fully responded to the formal matters set forth in the Ex parte Quayle Action. Their response is fully supported by the specification and adds no new matter. Accordingly, applicants believe that the subject application has been placed in a form suitable for allowance and respectfully request that allowance be granted and that the subject application be passed to issue. Should there be any questions in this regard or Examiner wishes to discuss any aspect of the response provided herein, Examiner is invited to call attorney for applicants at (650) 330-0900.

Respectfully submitted,

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